

REMARKS

This Reply to Office Action is responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 19, 2005. Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that election of one of the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

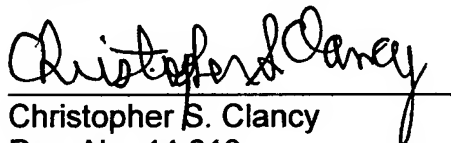
- 1) Species I, figures 1-15; or
- 2) Species II, figures 16-19.

Applicants elect Species I, figures 1-15, and also identify claims 1-21 readable on Species

I. Accordingly, Applicants request consideration of claims 1-21.

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